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In re Application of:

Ainsworth, et al

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PETITION

Filed: August 28, 1998

For: INTRALUMINAL CATHETER WITH  
HIGH ROXIMAL SHAFT

This is a decision on applicant's request filed May 28, 1999, to review the holding of abandonment, mailed May 17, 1999, for failure to timely respond to the Office action dated September 15, 1998.

In support of the request, applicant has submitted a copy of a two month extension of time and a response with a certificate of mailing dated January 14, 1999. Applicant has also submitted a declaration attesting to the timely mailing as required by 37 CFR 1.8(b).

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed May 17, 1999, is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. The application is being forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.

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